

Amended Claim 13: Version with markings to show changes made

13 (three times amended). A method for manufacturing a fibrous cellulose sausage casing having elasticity in the range 13 to 20% of the starting size, elasticity being defined as the capacity of the casing, after soaking in water at 40°C for 10 minutes, to expand from an uninflated condition to one of inflation by 30 kPa air pressure, which method comprises:

- a) forming a wet-strengthened manila based paper material, which paper is wet-strengthened by at least one strengthener selected from the group consisting of [resins] i) synthetic resin(s) of polyamide epihalohydrin type, ii) viscose, and iii) a combination of [resins] synthetic resin(s) of polyamide epihalohydrin type and viscose, into the shape of a tubing, the air-dry weight of which wet-strengthened paper is [less than] from 10 to 15 g/m²;
- b) impregnating said tubing with viscose by presenting said viscose only to an outer surface of said tubing; [and]
- c) coagulating the viscose into cellulose by passing the impregnated tubing through at least one acid and salt bath; and[,
- d) plasticizing the treated tubing.